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ROME FOR CIVIL AIR ATTACHE

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SUBJ: PIA-AFGHAN AIRLINES AGREEMENT

1. LOCAL PRESS MARCH 3 REPORTED THAT PIA AND ARIANA AFGHAN ARILINES HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION OF AN AIR SERVICE BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN. THIS SERVICE HAD BEEN BROKEN OFF IN 1974. THE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT PAID WOULD BE FLYING A F 27 FOOKER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN PESHAWAR AND KABUL TWICE A WEEK. ARIANA WOULD OPERATE A BOEING 727 BETWEEN KABUL AND LAHORE TWICE A WEEK.

2. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FAROOQ, WHO HANDLES AFGHAN AFFAIRS, CONFIRMED THIS INFORMATION TODAY TO EMBOFF. HE ADDED THAT THE ARIANA KABUL-LAHORE FLIGHT WILL GO ON TO NEW DELHI, BUT WILL NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO CARRY PASSENGERS BETWEEN LAHORE AND NEW DELHI. FAROOQ EXPECTED A FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE ROUTE " SHORTLY." THE GOP WANTED UNCLASSIFIED

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THE FLIGHTS TO FOLLOW THE SAME ROUTE AS IS NOW FOLLOWED BY INDIAN AIRLINES BETWEEN NEW DELHI AND KABUL. BYROADE

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